Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" For the year 1952–53."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" All the workc sanctioned for 1952–53 have been carried out. The number of schemes carried out is 5 and the cost is Rs. 62,000. The area benefited is 613 acres."

*Geological survey of South Kanara.*

* 767 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any geological survey of South Kanara was undertaken recently; and

(*b*) if so, whether reports regarding the survey have been received by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Malnad portion of Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, was surveyed by the Geological Survey of India during 1952–53 field season. The report has been received and it will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" The recent geological surveys along the West Coast on the border of Mysore State have shown considerable deposits of manganese. May I, therefore, request the Government of Madras to direct the Geological Survey of India to see whether similar deposits are found along the West Coast regions of South Kanara district? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is a different question. But the geological survey that I referred to also shows that the region covering an area of 400 square miles which forms a major portion of the Puttur taluk contains iron ore in certain areas, white china clay in certain other areas and also some other materials which could be of use."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know what the total amount spent by the Government on this survey is? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was the Geological Survey of India that did the survey. I do not think this Government have spent any money on it."

*Hostels for the students of the Backward Classes.*

* 768 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hostels separately run for the students of the Backward Classes in the State; and

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(*b*) the number of students benefited through them and the total amount spent on them this year, i.e., 1953–54 up-to-date as boarding grants?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Five hostels, " (*b*) One hundred and twenty-eight students were benefited and the total amount sanctioned as boarding grants was Rs. 18,540 up to 6th March 1954."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" There is one hostel for the Backward, Communities maintained by a separate body in Cuddalore. The management have asked the Director of Harijan Welfare to take over that hostel or to give subsidy for its maintenance. So far there is no reply from him and the management have resolved to close down the hostel from the next academic year. Therefore, may I request the Government to consider the question of taking it over or giving subsidy for its maintenance? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is a request and I will consider that."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As the clamour of Backward Classes for such help throughout the State has been great and longstanding, may I request the Government not to close down any hostels at all but to open more and more hostels? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This is also a request, but I would like to answer this question. Not only five hostels have been opened for them but also there are 77 hostels in which Backward Class students are also admitted. They are all Harijan hostels in which Backward Class students are also admitted. Therefore, altogether there are about 686 students who are studying and a sum of Rs. 1,07,077 is spent on them."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" பின்னடைந்த சமூக மாணவர்களுக்காக நடத்தப்படும் சர்க்கார் ஹாஸ்டல்களிலே ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள் அனுமதிக்கப் படுகிறார்களா ? எத்தனை சத விகிதம் அனுமதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள் ? இதன் மூலம் ஜாதி வித்தியாசமும் நீங்குவதற்கு ஏதாவது சந்தர்ப்பம் இருக்கு மல்லவா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That has been 8–20
done in order that there may be fusion of both the communities." a.m.

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களுக்கு மாதம் ரூ. 15 கிராண்ட் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. அதேபோல் **Backward Community** கீழ் வரக்கூடிய மாணவர்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு கிராண்ட் கொடுக்கப்படு கின்றது ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The same amount is given."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the names of these five backward community hostels and where they are situate? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state, out of these hostels intended for backward communities, how many are in Malabar and whether it is a fact that the amount allotted for the Harijan students lodging in such hostels in Malabar was not fully utilized and whether the Government will take steps to rectify this defect at least this year? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If specific cases are brought to the notice of the Government, I will consider them, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" நண்பர் ஸ்ரீ தெய்வ சிகாமணி அவர்கள் கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் தனிக் கேள்வி கேட்கச் சொன்னார்கள். ஐந்து ஹரிஜன ஹாஸ்டல்கள் இருப்பதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அதை எப்படி பார்க்காமல் சொன்னார்கள் ? ஐந்து ஹாஸ்டல்கள் என்று சொல்லும்போது அதன் பெயர்களை மட்டும் சொல்லுவதற்கு கால தாமதம் செய்வது என் என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The information is not available here. Otherwise, there is no difficulty in giving it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" During the year under reference, how many applications were received by the Government for the recognition of backward community hostels and how many were rejected? Are we to understand that the five existing hostels are the hostels that were started last year or the hostels that have been in existence in the past? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

* SRI M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY:—"தஞ்சை ஜில்லா போர்டால் நடத்தப்படும் உயர் நிலைப் பள்ளியில் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களுக்கு மத்தியானம் உணவு அளிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அதை ரொம்ப குறைந்த ரேட்டுக்கு டெண்டருக்கு விடுவதால் அவர்கள் மிகவும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். Harijan Welfare Director அவர்கள் தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் சுற்றுப் பிரயாணம் செய்த போது இதைப் பார்த்து, அப் பள்ளியின் தலைமை ஆசிரியரிடம் தகுந்த ஆட்களிடம் ஒரு நிரந்தரமான ரேட்டுக்கு கொடுத்துவிடலாம் என்று கூறியும் அது பிரயோஜனப்படவில்லை. ஆகையால் special ஆபீசர்கள் இதை ஏற்று நடத்த முன்வருமாறு மந்திரி அவர்கள் வாக்களிப்பாரா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இது Backward Community மாணவர்கள் சம்பந்தமான கேள்வி. நீங்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய ஹாஸ்டல் சம்பந்தமான வற்றைச் சொல்லுகிறீர்கள்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This question has no relevance to the main question."